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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIoux FALLS, SD August 12, 2013 – For the week ending August 11, 2013, below normal temperatures statewide were accompanied by precipitation across western and southern South Dakota, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Warmer temperatures are needed to advance crop development. Statewide, there were 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 3 percent very short, 28 short, 65 adequate, and 4 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 6 percent very short, 30 short, 60 adequate, and 4 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat was 99 percent ripe, near 100 last year and 100 average. Harvested were 73 percent, behind 100 last year and 93 average.

Spring wheat ripe was 71 percent, well behind 100 last year and 91 average. Harvested were 21 percent, also well behind 99 last year and 61 average. Condition rated 2 percent very poor, 17 poor, 40 fair, 36 good, and 5 excellent.

Oats ripe was 94 percent, behind 100 last year but ahead of 91 average. Harvested were 64 percent, well behind 100 last year and 72 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 30 fair, 60 good, and 8 excellent.

Barley turning color was 99 percent, behind 100 last year but near 98 average. Ripe was 89 percent, behind 100 last year but ahead of 82 average. Harvested were 22 percent, well behind 94 last year and 49 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 35 fair, 63 good, and 0 excellent.

Corn silking was 96 percent, behind 100 last year and ahead of 84 average. Dough was 31 percent, behind 72 last year but equal to 31 average. Dent was 1 percent, behind 19 last year and 5 average. Condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 25 fair, 50 good, and 20 excellent.

Soybean blooming was 93 percent, behind last year's 96 but near 94 average. Setting pods were 55 percent, behind 83 last year and 69 average. Condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 26 fair, 55 good, and 14 excellent.

Sorghum headed was 82 percent, behind 89 last year but ahead of 70 average. Coloring was 12 percent, behind 33 last year and 16 average. Condition rated 0 percent very poor, 3 poor, 38 fair, 49 good, and 10 excellent.

Sunflower blooming was 41 percent, well behind last year at 90 and 54 average. Condition rated 1 percent very poor, 22 poor, 24 fair, 49 good, and 4 excellent.

The second cutting of alfalfa was 90 percent complete, behind 2012 at 96 but ahead of 87 average. The third cutting of alfalfa was 18 percent complete, behind 50 last year and 23 average. Alfalfa hay condition rated 0 percent very poor, 5 poor, 32 fair, 55 good, and 8 excellent.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report: Pasture and range conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 6 poor, 29 fair, 54 good, and 11 excellent. Stock water supplies rated 2 percent very short, 20 short, 75 adequate, and 3 surplus.

Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency, SDSU Extension Service and other reporters across the state.

Access the National publication for Crop Progress and Condition tables at:

<http://usda01.library.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg/2010s/2013/CropProg-08-12-2013.pdf>

Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:

http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=SD®ion=HPRCC

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:

http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/DM_state.htm?SD,HP